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THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED 1880.
CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED Yen 24,000,000
CAPITAL PAID-UP " 18,000,000
CAPITAL UNCALLED " 6,000,000
RESERVE FUND " 9,310,000

Head Office: YOKOHAMA.

Branches and Agencies:
Kobe, London, Nagasaki, New York, Yokohama, San Francisco, Honolulu, Shanghai, Hongkong, Peking, Tientsin, Newchwang.

LONDON BANKERS:
THE LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LTD.
THE UNION OF LONDON AND SMITHS BANK, LTD.

HONGKONG BRANCH: INTEREST ALLOWED
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent
per Annum on the Daily Balance.
On fixed deposits for 12 months at 5 per cent

TARO HODSUMI,
Manager.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1904.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL \$10,000,000
RESERVE FUND: Sterling Reserve \$10,000,000
Silver Reserve \$6,500,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS \$10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:
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Hongkong: J. R. M. SMITH.
Shanghai: H. M. BEVIS.

LONDON BANKERS: LONDON AND COUNTY BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.

HONGKONG: INTEREST ALLOWED:
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent
per Annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:
For 3 months, 4 per cent. per Annum.
For 6 months, 5 per cent. per Annum.
For 12 months, 6 per cent. per Annum.

J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 20th February, 1904.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted
by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be
obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3 1/2 per
cent. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option
balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND
SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED
DEPOSIT at 4 per cent. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION,
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1902.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorised Capital £1,000,000
Paid up Capital £324,371

HEAD OFFICE: HONGKONG.
Board of Directors: Chan Kiu Shan, Esq., J. Focke, Esq.,
Creasy Ewens, Esq., G. C. Moson, Esq.

Chief Manager,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed 5 1/2 %
Hongkong, 4th February, 1904.

THE DEUTSCHE ASIATISCHE BANK.

PAID-UP CAPITAL Sh. Tael 5,000,000
HEAD OFFICE: SHANGHAI.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS: BERLIN.

BRANCHES: Berlin, Hankow, Tientsin, Calcutta, Tientsin (Kiautschou).

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UNION OF LONDON AND SMITHS BANK, LTD.,
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INTEREST allowed on Current Account.
DEPOSITS received on terms which may be
learned on application. Every description of
Banking and Exchange business transacted.

H. SUTER,
Sub-Manager.

Hongkong, 31st March, 1904.

TO LET.

NO. 1, RIFON TERRACE in FLATS.
No. 4, RIFON TERRACE.
No. 17, WONG NEI CHONG ROAD, facing
Race Course.

FLATS in MORETON TERRACE, facing
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NAUGHT ROAD (near BLAKE PIER).
GODOWNS: PRAYA EAST.
No. 10, MACDONNELL ROAD.

Apply to
THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
MENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.

Hongkong, 2nd April, 1904.

HONGKONG HOTEL.

Military Band during dinner on Saturday Nights.

Hongkong, 4th December, 1903.

INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION.

CAPITAL, SURPLUS AND UNDIVIDED PROFITS
GOLD \$7,992,173.37 = about £1,640,000.
CAPITAL AND SURPLUS AUTHORIZED
GOLD \$10,000,000 = £2,055,000.

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MEXICO, MANILA, SHANGHAI, SINGA-
PORE, YOKOHAMA, BOMBAY,
CALCUTTA

AND AGENTS ALL OVER THE WORLD
LONDON AND CONTINENTAL
BANKERS:

NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK OF
ENGLAND, LIMITED,
UNION OF LONDON AND SMITHS BANK, LTD.,
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COMPTOIR NATIONAL D'ESCOMPTE
DE PARIS, & C.

THE Corporation transacts every descrip-
tion of Banking and Exchange Business,
receives Money in Current Account and issues
Fixed Deposit Receipts; either in Gold or
Silver at Rates which may be ascertained on
Application.

HONGKONG BRANCH:
20, DES VUEUX ROAD CENTRAL.
CHARLES R. SCOTT,
Manager.

Hongkong, 14th December, 1903.

IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA.

ESTABLISHED BY IMPERIAL DECREE
OF THE 12TH NOVEMBER, 1896.

SHANGHAI Tael:
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL 5,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL 2,500,000

HEAD OFFICE: SHANGHAI.
Branches and Agencies:
CANTON, PENANG, SINGAPORE,
CHEFOO, HANKOW, TIENTSIN,
PEKING.

THE Bank purchases and receives for collec-
tion Bills of Exchange drawn on the above
places, and Sells Drafts and Telegraphic Trans-
fers Payable at its Branches and Agencies.

HONGKONG BRANCH:
Advances made on approved securities.
Bills discounted.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS:
3 1/2 per Annum Fixed Deposits for 3 months.
4 1/2 " " " 6 " "
5 1/2 " " " 12 " "

E. W. RUTTER,
Manager.

Hongkong, 12th August, 1903.

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853
HEAD OFFICE: LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP £800,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHARE-
HOLDERS £800,000
RESERVE FUND £725,000

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT
ACCOUNT at the Rate of 2 per cent. per
annum on the Daily Balances.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months, 4 per cent.
" " " 6 " " 3 1/2
" " " 3 " " 3

T. F. COCHRANE,
Manager.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1903.

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KING EDWARD HOTEL.

A HIGH CLASS PRIVATE HOTEL

LADIES' AFTERNOON TEA ROOMS.

PRIVATE BAR
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BILLIARD ROOMS.

Hot and Cold Water throughout.

Electrically Lighted.

Electric Fans (if required).

Electric Passenger Elevator to each Floor.

Table D' Hote at Separate Tables.

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Hongkong, 22nd October, 1903.

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MORRISON HILL GAP ROAD. Nice
Houses, 4 Rooms, Bath Rooms, Out-
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of Taxes.

WILD DELL BUILDINGS, No. 147,
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Flats of 2 or 3 Rooms, from \$25 inclusive of Taxes.
And others to suit various requirements.

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Land and Estate Broker,
Dairy Farm Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 26th February, 1904.

MACAO AND CANTON HOTELS.

A LITTLE CHANGE.

The round trip from HONGKONG to MACAO, thence
to CANTON and back to HONGKONG, will be
found interesting and enjoyable.

WM. FARMER,
Proprietor.

Hongkong, 27th

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PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS.	TO SAIL ON	REMARKS.
YOKOHAMA VIA SHANGHAI, MUJI and KOBE. (Passing through the Inland Sea).	FORMOSA B. H. W. S. S. W.	About 5th April	Freight and Passage.
LONDON, &c.	BALLANAT C. R. Longden, R.N.	Noon, 9th April	See Special Advertisements
SHANGHAI	MALTA C. L. Daniel	About 10th April	Freight and Passage.
LONDON and ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, PORT SAID and MARSEILLES	MALACCA A. F. Street	About 13th April	Freight and Passage.

For Further Particulars, apply to

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 31st March, 1904.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

STEAM FOR:
SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA,
ANTWERP, BREMEN/HAMBURG;
PORTS IN THE LEVANTE, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS;

ALSO
LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON,
AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS;

Steamers will call at GIBRALTAR and SOUTHAMPTON to land Passengers
and Luggage.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for the Principal Places in Russia.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

STEAMERS.	SAILING DATES.
*HAMBURG	WEDNESDAY, 13th April.
PRINZ HEINRICH	WEDNESDAY, 27th April.
OLDENBURG	WEDNESDAY, 11th May.
BAVERN	WEDNESDAY, 25th May.
SACHSEN	WEDNESDAY, 8th June.
ZIETEN	WEDNESDAY, 22nd June.
SEYDLITZ	WEDNESDAY, 6th July.
ROON	WEDNESDAY, 20th July.
PREUSSEN	WEDNESDAY, 3rd August.
PRINZ REGENT LUITPOLD	WEDNESDAY, 17th August.

* Steamer of the Hamburg-Amerika Linie.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 13th day of April, 1904, at Noon, the Steamship "HAMBURG"
of the HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE, Captain Burmeister, with MAELS, PASSEN-
GERS, SPECIE and CARGO, will leave this Port as above. Calling at NAPLES and GENOA.
Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, on MONDAY, the 11th April, and Cargo and
Specie will be received at the Agency's Office until Noon, on TUESDAY, the 12th April.
Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than \$2.50
and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.
The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and Stewardesses.
Linen can be washed on board.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

For further Particulars, apply to

MELCHERS & CO.,

AGENTS.

Hongkong, 4th April, 1904

Intimations.

GOLD REEF BRAND

Pure Cream.

See future announcements.

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A FIRST CLASS HOTEL, most centrally situated; Well furnished and Airy Bedrooms.
Monthly Boarders accommodated on very moderate terms.

For Particulars apply to

THE MANAGER.

MACAO AND CANTON HOTELS.

A LITTLE CHANGE.

The round trip from HONGKONG to MACAO, thence

to CANTON and back to HONGKONG, will be

found interesting and enjoyable.

WM. FARMER,
Proprietor.

Hongkong, 27th

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The great food-value

of Bovril is known and appreciated by those to
whom strength and endurance are a vital necessity,
such as business-men, travellers, explorers,
athletes, military and naval officers, etc. Bovril
represents sustenance, nourishment and stimulus
in the most condensed and most convenient form.
Bovril is the very embodiment of strength.



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OTHER OFFICES:

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Yokosuka, Nagoya, Osaka, Kobe, Maidzuru, Kure, Shimonoseki, Moji, Wakamatsu,
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Telegraphic Address: "MITSUI" (A.B.C. and A 1 Codes).

CONTRACTORS OF COAL to the Imperial Japanese Navy and Armaments and the State
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SOLE AGENTS for Fujinotani, Hekoku, Hondo, Ichimura, Kanada, Mameda, Mannoura,
Onoura, Otsuki, Sasahara, Tsubakuro, Yoshinotani, Yoshio, Yunokibara and other Coals.

N. INUZUKA, Manager, Hongkong.

H. PRICE & CO.

WINE MERCHANTS,

12 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

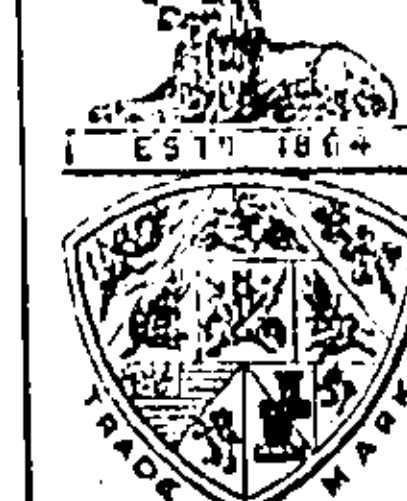
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Contracts made on special terms with
Caterers, Committees, Messes and Captains of
Steamers. All Wines, Spirits and Beers supplied
are guaranteed.

Price list on application. TELEPHONE No. 135.

Hongkong, 23rd July, 1903.

AMERICAN WHISKIES.



OLD CREMOENE WHITE RYE.
WATERMILL SOUR MASH.
HIGH BALL KENTUCKY RYE.
FINE OLD BOURBON (IDES).
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WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS,
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Hongkong, 2nd April, 1904.

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The attention of consumers is drawn to the fact that
the Undersigned, being Sole Agents for

DR. AUER VON WELSBACH Co.,

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THE INVENTORS OF INCANDESCENT
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ARE SELLING THE ONLY GENUINE MANTLES,
The Price of which has been reduced to

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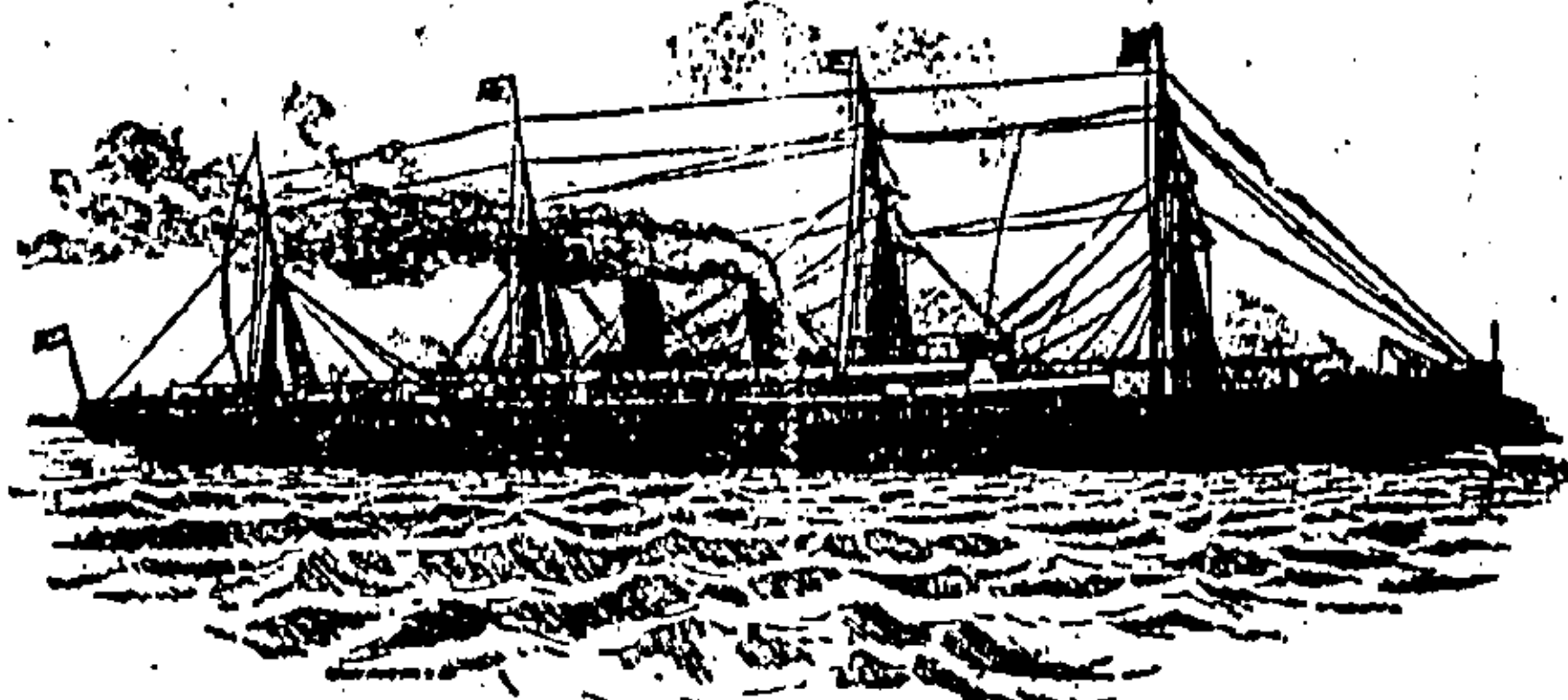
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U.S. MAIL LINES.



PACIFIC MAIL S.S. CO., OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S.S. CO.,
TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

TAKING PASSENGERS AND CARGO TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO,
CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA AND EUROPE:

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

"CHINA"	5,060 Gross Tons.	TUESDAY, 5th April, at Noon.
"DORIO"	4,784 "	SATURDAY, 16th April, at Noon.
"SIBERIA"	11,284 "	SATURDAY, 30th April, at Noon.
"COPTIC"	4,352 "	THURSDAY, 12th May, at Noon.
"KOREA"	11,276 "	TUESDAY, 24th May, at Noon.
"GAELIC"	4,205 "	SATURDAY, 4th June, at Noon.
"MONGOLIA"	"	THURSDAY, 16th June, at Noon.

Record Trip Yokohama to San Francisco made by s.s. "KOREA," 11,276 tons, Oct. 18th-28th, 1902; 10 days, 15 hours.

THE P. M. Company's Steamship "CHINA" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, TO-MORROW, the 5th April, at Noon, taking Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe. Passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of the Overland Rail Routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

Special rates (First-class only) to European Ports, are granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Consular Services, and European Civil Service Officials located in Asia, and to European Officials in the Service of the Governments of China and Japan.

TO UNITED STATES AND CANADIAN PORTS, Special rates (first class only) are confined and will apply only to Missionaries, Members of the Naval and Military Services, and to Consular and Diplomatic Officials of the Governments of China and Japan.

Through Bills of Lading, issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Indian Oceans of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Companies' and connecting Steamers.

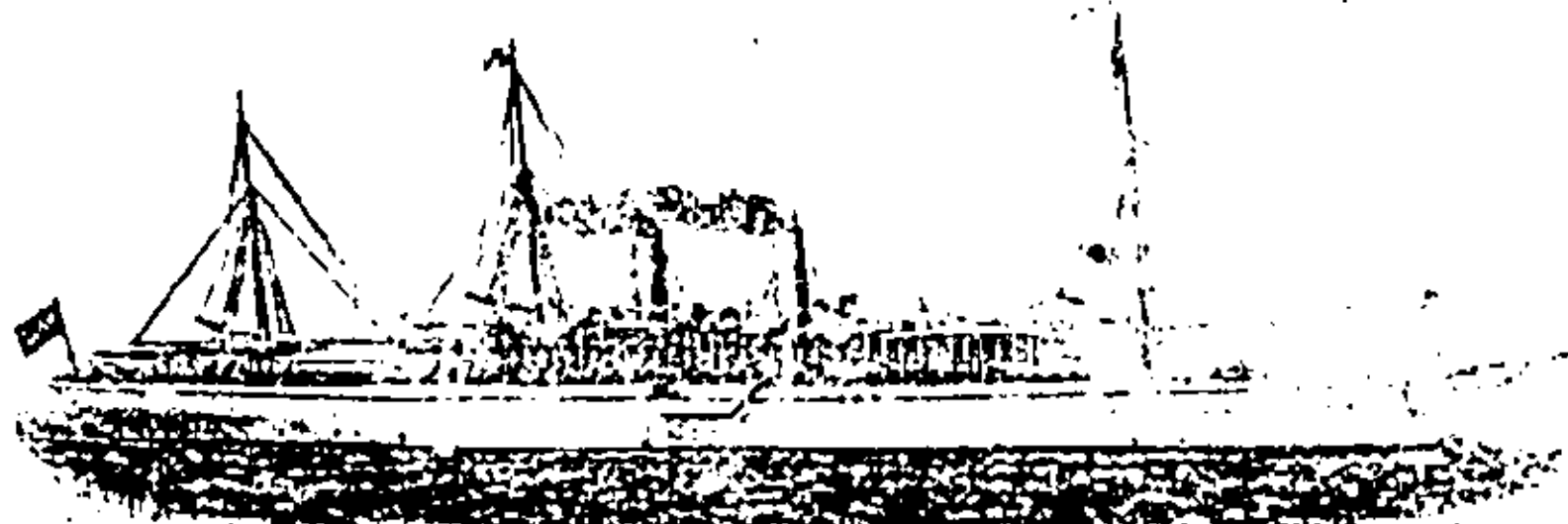
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The largest and steadiest and fastest passenger ships on the Pacific. Southern Route; passengers enjoy out-doors throughout; deck bathing. The call at Honolulu, Oahu, the most fertile and beautiful island of the Pacific. The only line to San Francisco, the greatest port of the Pacific. Sailings positively on schedule date.

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E. W. TILDEN, Agent.

Hongkong, 4th April, 1904.

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THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA
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(CALLING AT SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA & VICTORIA, B.C.)
SAFETY. SPEED. PUNCTUALITY.

SAVING 3 TO 7 DAYS ACROSS THE PACIFIC.

"EMPRESS" Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse Power—Speed 19 Knots.
PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.—(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

R.M.S. "EMPRESS OF INDIA"	6,000 Tons.	WEDNESDAY, 20th April.
"ATHENIAN"	1,882 "	WEDNESDAY, 27th April.
"EMPRESS OF JAPAN"	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 11th May.
"TARTAR"	4,425 "	SATURDAY, 21st May.
"EMPRESS OF CHINA"	6,000 "	"

Hongkong to London, 1st Class, via St. Lawrence £60. Via New York £62.
Hongkong to London, Intermediate on
Steamers, and 1st Class Rail £40. £42.

THE magnificent Twin-screw "EMPRESS" Steamships pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, and make connection with the PALATIAL OVERLAND TRAINS FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE.

Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. SPECIAL RATES (First class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of Chinese and Japanese Governments.

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D. E. BROWN, General Agent,
9, Pedder's Street.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.
OSTASIATISCHER FRACHTDAMPFER DIENST.

(Taking Cargo at through Rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, COPENHAGEN, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, TRIESTE, GENOA, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA and BALTIC PORTS, NORTH and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS).

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STREAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
BRISGAVIA.....	HAMBURG.	12th April. Freight.
Schulke.....	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO)	"
SUEVIA.....	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	25th April. Freight.
von Dürren.....	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG)	"
ARTEMISIA.....	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	3rd May. Freight.
Gronmeyer.....	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO)	"
MARBURG.....	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	17th May. Freight.
Stern.....	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG)	"
STRASSBURG.....	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	31st May. Freight and Passengers.
Madsen.....	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO)	"

For further Particulars, apply to

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,
HONGKONG OFFICE,
No. 1, Queen's Buildings.

Hongkong, 4th April, 1904.

GO TO THE
KOWLOON HOTEL
KOWLOON.

J. W. OSBORNE,
Proprietor and Manager.

Shipping—Steamers.

HONGKONG, CANTON, MACAO AND
WEST RIVER STEAMERS.

JOINT SERVICE OF THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO
STEAMBOAT CO., LTD. AND THE CHINA NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LTD.

HONGKONG-CANTON LINE.

S.S. "HONAM"	2,363 tons.	Captain R. D. Thomas.
"POWAN"	2,338 "	G. F. Morrison, R.N.R.
"FATSHAN"	2,260 "	W. A. Valentine.
"HANKOW"	3,073 "	C. V. Lloyd.
"KINSHAN"	2,860 "	J. J. Lossius.

Departures from HONGKONG to CANTON daily at 8 A.M. (Sunday excepted) and at 5:30 P.M. and 9 P.M. (Saturday excepted).
Departures from CANTON to HONGKONG daily at 8 A.M., 2:30 P.M. and 5:30 P.M. (Sunday excepted).

These Steamers, carrying His Majesty's Mails, are the largest and fastest on the River. Special attention is drawn to their Superior Saloon and Cabin accommodation.

SERVICE OF THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

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S.S. "HEUNGSHAN"	1,998 tons.	Captain H. D. Jones.
S.S. "LUNGSHAN"	2,19 tons.	Captain T. Hamlin.

This steamer leaves Canton for Macao every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at about 7:30 A.M.; and leaves Macao for Canton every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at about 7:30 A.M.

JOINT SERVICE OF THE H.K. C. AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD., THE CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD., AND THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD.

CANTON-WUCHOW LINE.

S.S. "SAINAM"	588 tons.	Captain B. Branch.
"NANNING"	569 "	C. Burchart.

One of the above Steamers leaves Canton for Wuchow every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at about 8 a.m., and the other leaves Wuchow for Canton on the same days at about 8 a.m. Round trips take about 5 days. These vessels have Superior Cabin Accommodation and are lighted throughout by electricity.

Further particulars may be obtained at the Office of the—

HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

18, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central, opposite the Hongkong Hotel.

Or of BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents, CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

Hongkong, 2nd April, 1904.

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE.

HEAD AGENT: R. BISSCHOP,

3, DUDDELL STREET,

HONGKONG.

REGULAR FOUR-WEEKLY SERVICE BETWEEN
JAVA, CHINA, AND JAPAN.

Steamer.	From.	Expected on or about	Will leave for	On or about
TJIPANAS ...	JAPAN	First half of May	SPORE & JAVA PORTS	First half of May
TJILATJAP ...	JAVAVIA MACASSAR	Second half of April	JAPAN	Second half of April
TJIMAH ...	JAPAN	First half of April	SPORE & JAVA PORTS	First half of April

The Steamers are all fitted throughout with Electric Light and have Accommodation for a limited number of Saloon Passengers, and will take Cargo to all Netherlands India Ports on through Bills of Lading.

For Particulars of Freight and Passage, apply to
THE AGENTS,
THE HOLLAND-CHINA TRADING CO.

Telephone No. 201,
Hongkong, 25th March, 1904.

Intimations.

PORTRAITS, GROUPS, ENLARGING, AND
COPYING IN ALL SIZES.

AMATEUR WORK GIVEN SPECIAL
ATTENTION.

FULL LINE OF SUPPLIES
ALWAYS IN STOCK.

ORIENTAL
COSTUMES AND
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WORK GUARANTEED TO BE
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LADIES' SPECIAL TOILET ROOM.

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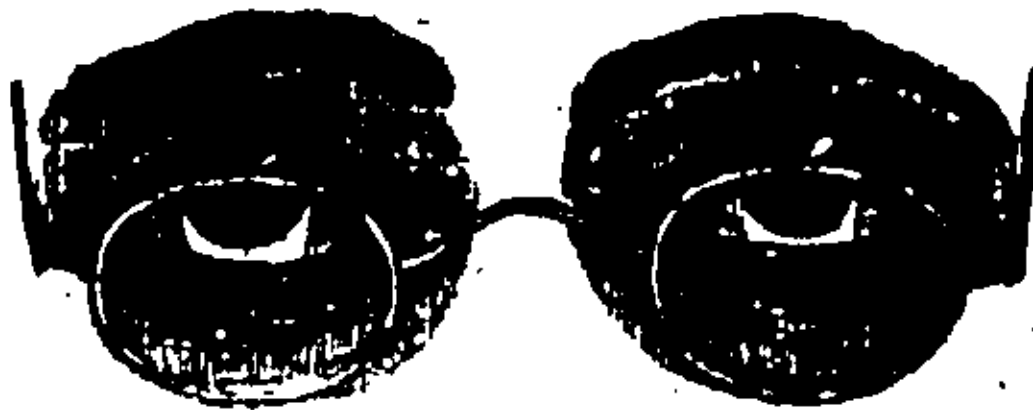
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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

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4.7" Q. F. guns from Lyemun in a direction
North-East across the sea on to High Junk
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By Command,
A. M. THOMSON,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 30th March, 1904.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY,
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THE FIFTEENTH ORDINARY AN-
NUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOL-
DERS in the Company, will be held in the
Office of the General Managers, No. 14, Des
Vaux Road, Victoria, on WEDNESDAY,
6th April, at 11.30 A.M., for the purpose of
receiving Statement of Accounts and the Report
of the General Managers for the year ending
31st December, 1903, declaring a Dividend and
electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from Saturday, 2nd April,
at 1 P.M., until Wednesday, 6th April.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
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Hongkong, 19th March, 1904.

THE YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIA-
TION, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FOURTEENTH ORDINARY
GENERAL MEETING of the above
Association will be held at the Head Office,
No. 26, The Bund, Shanghai, on THURSDAY,
the 21st April, 1904, at 4.30 o'clock P.M. pre-
cisely, for presentation of the Report of the
Directors and the Accounts to the 31st Decem-
ber, 1903, the election of Directors and Auditor
for the current year, and for the purpose of
transacting any other business which may be
transacted at an Ordinary General Meeting.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Associa-
tion will be CLOSED from the 11th of April
to the 21st of April, 1904, both days inclusive.

Members holding proxies for absent Share-
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By Order of the Board of Directors,
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Shanghai, 25th March, 1904.

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HONGKONG, MONDAY, APRIL 4, 1904.

THE JAPANESE NAVY.

The admirable organisation, coolness and assurance with which the Japanese fleet has already set to work, and the manner in which its officers have brought science to bear upon problems in naval warfare, where mere bravery and dash, without careful judgement, are of no avail, make it interesting to look into this nation's methods of training her officers. Those, who in all the excitement of a night attack against large odds, can coolly select their victims, and bring their raid through at almost the greatest possible advantage, must possess methods which are particularly sound. The Japanese naval officer enters the service between the ages of sixteen and twenty. He is trained as a cadet in the college at Yotajima, and he must, before becoming eligible for the navy, pass a physical as well as an educational test. For a healthy brain usually accompanies a healthy body. As midshipmen, these young officers first go to the special training ships, where theory gives place to practice, and then go to the ships of the fleet, where practice gives place to application. The training ships consist of three vessels of over four thousand tons, equipped with an armament thoroughly up to date. They cruise in a small fleet under a rear-admiral, mostly in home waters. In the succeeding steps, of lieutenant and sublieutenant, the officers pass through theoretical and practical courses in succession; the main object of their theory being always to develop the intelligence and cultivate resource. The Higher Naval College, at Tokio, is arranged in four standards, the first being an introduction to higher military subjects and lasting for two years; it is given to specially selected officers. The second course is a finishing to the training in special subjects, such as gunnery, torpedo and navigation. The third course is for captains and commanders mainly, while the fourth deals with the latest naval tactics and strategy. We may here note that Japan goes in for more actual education than our own country. Knowledge is power, and with present rapidly changing methods and improvements, it is difficult to say whether sufficient knowledge can be imparted in the shorter college training which our own officers receive. At any rate, the Japanese officers have shown themselves to be thoroughly capable in practical details, and doubtless this is, in a great measure, due to the personal. We look back with pride upon our old-seafaring stock—gentlemen-adventurers and buccaniers, pirates as many of them were—of the days of Drake and Raleigh. We trace the same qualities of daring and courage through the times of Nelson, and we rely on that spirit to support us in our hour of need. The Japanese have very similar records, if one may look back to the eleventh and twelfth centuries, when, as the Vikings of the East, they roamed the Chinese main, ravaging the coasts of the Celestial Empire until the reign of Emperor Hideyoshi, when it was deemed a better policy to cease communication with the outer world, and fishing junks took the place of pirate vessels. It would now seem that the old pirate spirit has been awakened. The love of adventure and excitement, the dash and resource, the tenacity and strength of purpose of the rover have been coupled with a nineteenth century knowledge of higher mechanics, gunnery and navigation, and they have prevailed.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE transport *Dilwara* arrived at Southampton on 2nd March, from Hongkong.

THE *Gazette* announces that Assistant Paymaster A. P. Hughes has been specially promoted to the rank of Paymaster in His Majesty's Fleet for services in North China, 1900.

INSTRUCTIONS have been given for the armed shadow-boat steamers, *Monken, Teal, and Snipe*, serving on the China Station, to be recommissioned, with new crews, for a further term of service in the Far East.

THE *U. S. sal Gazette* hears that a certain Chinese and a Japanese merchant are about to start a newspaper at Chin Kiang with a capital of \$5,000, which has already been subscribed. It will be a weekly paper.

MR. W. Cowan, the local Protector of Chinese, has, we hear, been offered and accepted an appointment as Agent General for South Africa at Hongkong for the purpose of recruiting labour. We congratulate Mr. Cowan on his selection and he will be another devoted loss to Perak.—*Perak Pioneer*.

THE *Paris Temp*, in a leading article on Tibet, expresses the opinion that the present expedition is one of the fruits of the continued position of Lord Curzon as Viceroy of India. The *Temp* says:—"The truth is that one must see in this expedition an envoy bearing words of peace, Lord Curzon's answer to the mysterious emissaries which the Tibet received at Lhasa and St. Petersburg."

THE *Autobomba*, first-class cruiser, 11,000 tons, has been commissioned at Portsmouth by Captain R. N. O'Malley for the China Station, to relieve the *Blenheim*, 12, first-class cruiser, 9,000 tons, Captain F. G. Stupford, which was commissioned at Chatham on Jan. 1, 1901. Sir serving in the Mediterranean she has undergone a thorough refit. She has a complement of 708 officers and men. The date for her departure has not been fixed.

KING Victor Emanuel wired to H.M. the Kaiser, that the Italian Chamber of Deputies has unanimously resolved to give expression to their feelings of reverence and admiration for the ruler of the German Empire. In his reply the Kaiser expressed his strong satisfaction about this resolution; he was congratulating himself therefore in the interest of both nations. The number and enthusiasm of the extraordinary Italian demonstrations in favour of Germany have made a deep impression in France.

EMIGRATION business from Amoy is brisk just now. Between the 1st and 25th March the following steamers left that port carrying Chinese passengers:—

10th March	—Glenfalloch	with 728
13th	—Pentakota	1,566
14th	—Glancey	1,645
16th	—Chunshan	539
20th	—Bamberg	1,258
22nd	—Giangbee	998
—	—Hongbee	1,192
25th	—Wahora	624
—	—Palamcotla	1,368
		Total 9,936

THE *Tung Wen Hu Pao* hears that Viceroy Tsen has issued a lengthy proclamation, dwelling on the present system of Likin in Kwangtung, which has given birth to many evils and now bore. To begin, with the Viceroy said that before taking up his Viceroy duties he had heard of the many Likin evils in Kwangtung, and, after having been appointed Viceroy, he always tried to uproot the evils for the good of the people. But, to his surprise, the evils are going on unchecked, and things have assumed a very gloomy aspect in this direction. He could not understand why the evils cannot be uprooted, provided his instructions should be properly carried out, and, in conclusion, he asked for fair dealing and co-operation.

A CORRESPONDENT of the *N. C. D. New* states that on the 21st ultimo a certain Li Peihai, chief of a large body of insurgents, suddenly attacked the city of Yangchianghsien and captured the place. Viceroy Tsen, continues the despatch, is now sending a force of 3,000 foreign-drilled troops to retake the city and disperse the insurgents. It is further stated that Viceroy Tsen has been unable to leave Canton for Kuang to direct the operations against the insurgents of that province; owing to the unwillingness of the people of Kuangtung to part with His Excellency—the present uncertain condition of that province requiring his presence there. There is also a report that Lieutenant-Colonel Fu, commanding the territorial garrison of Lungmenhsien, was killed at the beginning of the month during a fight between his troops and a body of Kuangtung insurgents, under a chief named Lin Yueh-chung. Besides their leader, the Government troops also lost over a hundred of their number in killed and wounded. The insurgents captured a large number of arms also.

A SAD ACCIDENT.

DEATH OF A HONGKONG RESIDENT.

On Saturday night, Mr. F. R. Spence, formerly employed at Messrs. Brewer and Co., as assistant, and who had recently joined the Chinese Customs, fell off the balcony of the house at which he was living in Queen's Road Central, and was subsequently picked up dead from the roadway. He was, though quite a young man, well known and respected in the Colony, where his sudden and unfortunate decease will be cause of deep regret.

THE FLEET MANOEUVRES.

A FINE FIGHTING FORCE.

Sir Gerard Noel's opinion of the fine force under his command is not known to us, but there can be small doubt of it being satisfactory since, under his own eye and hand, it has been made of the ships, officers and men composing his command, who of a surety have not been found wanting. As already announced, the Admiral took out the fleet to manoeuvres on the evening of the 28th ultimo, flying his flag on board the *Alacrity*. The vessels remained at sea during the night, performing minor manoeuvres under different speeds. The evolutions with all lights out, always a somewhat dangerous performance requiring not small skill, discipline and strength of nerve, were completely successful. On the morning of the 29th March, Sir Gerard Noel hoisted his flag in the *Alacrity* and conducted the manoeuvre in person. Fleet operations of the most intricate form now took place, the ships going in rapid succession from one formation to another, and, as an eye-witness expressed it, "it looked as if the boats were running through each other." It was a source of evident wonder to spectators, who were able to realise to some degree what a capable officer can do when, handling a fleet of modern men-of-war. None of the ships seemed ever to be, in the slightest, out of station, even when going through some of the most complicated movements. At one time the *Vengeance* hoisted the three vertical balls, thus indicating that she was out of control. This was through some slight defect having occurred in the steering gear. Matters were however speedily set to right; the defect was rectified, and the battleship proceeded in the movement without having lost her station. On the nights of the 29th and 30th ultimo the fleet anchored in Mils Bay, weighing at early morn and continuing tactics during the day. Wednesday, the squadron performed the delicate operation of "manoeuvring ship" in Mils Bay, the movement being carried out with wonderful smartness and precision, not a hitch occurring anywhere. On Thursday morning the fleet proceeded to Hongkong. It is rumoured that several of the ships will proceed north, with the Admiral, on the 5th or 6th inst., calling in at Amoy and Woosung. Sir Gerard Noel is evidently proving that he means to know his fleet, and is determined to keep all of its units thoroughly up-to-date and efficient in every respect. We have every reason, at the present critical juncture, to congratulate ourselves that our first line of defence is in the hands of so capable an officer.

KOWLOON BOWLING GREEN CLUB.

There was a brilliant gathering on the verdant lawn of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club on Saturday afternoon for the opening meeting of the season, many members of the fair sex being present. The warm bright weather afforded occasion for a display of charming summer toilettes, which, together with the gay bunting decorating the grounds, made the gathering a bright and picturesque function. The comfort of the guests was well attended to, tea and cakes being dispensed during the afternoon. The presence of the band of the 93rd Burma Infantry, which played a pleasant selection of airs, added as well as to the enjoyment of the gathering. Several competitions were organised and played; Mrs. Jack presenting the prizes at the close of the meeting.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE WINNERS:— GENTLEMEN'S COMPETITION.

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J. Parkes and J. Galt
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A. Milroy and J. C. Gow
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J. Guy and Mr. Pollock
LADIES' AND GENTLEMEN'S COMPETITION.
Mrs. Milroy and J. Macdonald
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Mrs. Jack and J. C. Gow
Miss Guy and T. W. Robertson
CHAMPIONSHIP CUP for 1903. Presented by W. C. Jack, Esq.
Won by A. G. Ewing.
2nd prize won by A. Ritchie.
3rd prize won by T. W. Robertson.
Most games played, W. M. Deas.

The proceedings were closed by three cheers and a tiger for Mr. and Mrs. Jack and the ladies.

BELLIGERENT SHIPS OF WAR.

In the House of Commons on February 29th, Captain Ellice asked the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs whether there was any international undertaking that belligerent ships of war should restrict their stay in neutral ports to 24 hours, or whether such instructions were only applicable to British ports.

Lord Percy: There is no such international undertaking. The rule was adopted by this country in 1865, and since that date several foreign States have issued similar rules in connection with their observance of neutrality. Mr. Rose asked the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs if his attention had been called to the seizure by Russian destroyers in the Red Sea of British steamers laden with coal to Japan, and whether, in view of the fact of coal not having been declared contraband of war by Russia, and that over fifteen ships of a total value, including cargo, of over £700,000, had sailed from Cardiff under similar conditions and insured in London in the belief that coal was not declared contraband of war by Russia, he would state whether His Majesty's Government have no information respecting the alleged seizures. They have been informed that the Russian Government are at present considering regulations in regard to contraband visits on the high seas, Prize Courts, &c., and that these regulations will shortly be communicated to the Powers.

THE WAR.

THE ADVANCE IN KOREA.

Wiring from Chefoo on the 29th ultimo, a correspondent of the *Shanghai Mercury* states that the Japanese have now about one hundred thousand men south of the Pak-cheng An-jun line. All troops have been concentrated in North-Korea or are marching thither. In South-Korea only very small detachments are left in order to keep the connection with Sasebo via Fusan. The advance of the Japanese troops is making very slow progress. Every twenty to twenty-five kilometers (twelve to fifteen miles) preparations have been made for camps and for the provisioning of the troops. Five to seven per cent. of the Japanese are becoming unfit for marching, although all baggage and ammunition are carried by the native Koreans on horses. About eight per cent. of the Japanese troops are falling sick, mostly from the effect of the cold weather.

No serious engagements are expected before the end of the April.

The following Russian official-accounts of the second attempt by the Japanese to close Port Arthur, and of the engagement at Pak-cheng-an on the 23rd ultimo, are worthy of attention:—

Moukden, 27th March.

At 26th March in the neighbourhood of Miaotou, our squadron has taken possession of a Japanese steamer and a junk, in which one Whitehead torpedo was found. The Japanese crew was taken prisoner and the steamer sunk.

On the night from the 26th to the 27th March, four Japanese steamers, under cover of a squadron of torpedo boats, approached Port Arthur, with the intention of blocking the entrance. Behind them could be observed big men-of-war, who opened fire upon the forts. Thanks to the heavy firing from the forts the steamers were destroyed and grounded near the coast. The entrance to Port Arthur remained free. After the appearance of our fleet outside the harbour, the enemy retired to avoid any fight. General Mischenko has just informed us that one of our squads of Cossacks, which were ordered on the 23rd inst. to reconnoitre the surroundings of the Pak-cheng-an, opened fire on a detachment of Japanese cavalry, which was guarding the road, and later on their patrols. One officer, one soldier, and one horse of the Japanese were killed. A further reconnaissance proved that Pak-cheng was occupied by considerable Japanese forces. A small Japanese detachment is stationed on the right side of the river. The Japanese cavalry was unable to stand the attack of our Cossacks and retired under the protection of the infantry; as soon as the Cossacks approached them. According to the news received the landing of troops is continued at Chinnampo. All the troops landed march towards the north.

At Rinkou (Newchwang) everything is quiet. This morning the Japanese squadron approached Port Arthur. Our squadron left the harbour in order to engage the enemy, but the latter withdrew, after having exchanged a few shots, without taking up the fight.

(Signed) MAJOR-GENERAL FLOUG, Quartermaster General.

THE GUNBOATS AT NEWCHANG.

The Russian gunboat now stationed at Newchwang will be removed to the mouth of the river, and there fitted up as a sort of fort commanding the entrance. The British and American gunboats have been ordered to leave by their respective Governments. The American Consul protested, and asked that his gunboat be permitted to remain, adding that in view of the very probable demoralization of the railroad and telegraph lines, the absence of the gunboat would be greatly missed.

U.S. CONSUL-GENERAL FOR MUKDEN.

It has been stated on good authority that the United States Consul-General recently assigned to Mukden will not be permitted, by the Russians, to proceed to his post. It is believed that this official is proceeding to Mukden accompanied by some American men-of-war, (2) but this is not as yet confirmed. In case of Russia's refusal to permit him to assume his duties, it will be interesting to note the action of the United States, in the matter, as she has been exceedingly solicitous about the establishment of a Consulate at Mukden, and a Consul-General has been appointed with instructions to proceed to his post.—*Shanghai Mercury*.

THE "RIGHT OF SEARCH."

The *Straits Echo* prints the following telegram, dated 22nd ult., from its London correspondent:—

The *Birmingham Post* states that the British Foreign Office is collecting information regarding the stopping of British steamers in the Mediterranean by Russian warships.

The Foreign Office has already commenced a correspondence on the subject with the St. Petersburg Government.

Russia's recent denial of the stopping of British steamers in the Mediterranean is regarded as unsatisfactory, because while it evaded the real issues involved it denied the commission of acts with which Russia had not been charged.

The Russia Government has issued orders from St. Petersburg for supply trains to distribute necessities to the population along the line of the Trans-Siberian Railway in order to stop the rise of prices which is taking place and reducing the people to beggary.

RUSSIAN RAILWAY GUARDS.

Russian cavalry are patrolling along the Manchurian railway, day and night; they fire on anyone who happens to be passing by and failing to halt. This has struck terror into the hearts of the people.

PROHIBITING CHINESE ENLISTMENT.

Recently, the Tartar-General of Fengtien wired the Wai Wu Pu, stating that ever since the commencement of the Japanese-Russian war, the Russians have taken advantage of the Manchurian railway to transport troops, to the detriment of China's neutral policy, and that

now, owing to Russian military officials trying to enlist Chinese soldiers, he (the Tartar-General) has issued a proclamation forbidding the native inhabitants from enlisting themselves in the Russian army.

A private letter from Moukden states that on the 10th inst., a party of Russians went to the Tartar General's yamen to demand six hundred houses to be used as barracks for a body of Russian troops about to arrive in that city. The Tartar General refused to give the Russians an audience—with the result that they forcibly dragged off the former's aide-de-camp and compelled him to go with them to various parts of the city to select the houses demanded. On the next day a body of Russian infantry arrived and after ejecting the residents occupied the houses chosen the day before, ostensibly under the Tartar General's sanction. In ordinary times the Tartar General usually has some seventy Government ponies, partly used for the courier post service, etc., and partly to mount a small bodyguard, whenever he leaves his yamen. Shortly after the outbreak of the war, the Russians seized the whole lot leaving only two ponies which happened to be the private property of Tchang Chi binshih. It was reported from Moukden on the 30th ultimo that in spite of inflated rumours spread by Russian sympathisers of there being an immense force of Muscovites at Harbin ready to march south to crush the Japanese, as a matter of fact there were not more than 50,000 Russians there, including 6,000 cavalry very poorly horsed.

The Weihaiwei correspondent of the *N. C. D. New* writes that the *Times* wireless telegraph station is ready at last, and the apparatus in working order. Pegun in profound mystery and secrecy, it seems likely to attract considerable publicity—perhaps, notoriety. The reason for secrecy does not seem apparent, since it was well known in Shanghai before the *Haiman* arrived there, that she was chartered by the *Times* for the use of their war correspondents and to be fitted with the necessary apparatus for wireless telegraphy. The R. E., who first undertook to erect the 180 ft. pole, were particularly reticent on the subject, and informed the correspondent that it was intended for a flagstaff. The original pole was not quite a success, and broke at every attempt to erect it. Other assistance had to be called in, and the pole was constructed on a different principle. Even now—standing some 170 ft. above the ground—it is doubtful whether it will stand through the gales that prevail there in spring and early summer.

The Emperor Francis Joseph has received in special audience Major Goro Johohi, the newly-appointed Japanese Military Attaché at Vienna.

Sir Frederick Borden, on the recommendation of Lord Dunsandel, has appointed Captain Thacker, of the Royal Canadian Artillery, Quebec, to be attached to the Japanese Army as a non-combatant, and to report on the military operations for educational purposes in Canada.

Major Inagaki, of the Imperial Japanese Cavalry, has been recalled to Japan from Adershot. He has been for the past year going through a course of instruction in the British method of training cavalry. Major Inagaki has been attached to the 8th Royal Irish Hussars, who give him a hearty speeding on his departure.

Lieut. General Sir William Nicholson, Director-General of Military Intelligence, and Lieut. Colonel Haldane, D.A.Q.M.G. for Intelligence at Headquarters, who are on their way to join the Japanese field force as attachés, called on Lord Minto, at Ottawa, on 2nd March, and subsequently left for Vancouver en route for the seat of war. They were accompanied by Captain Thacker, Royal Canadian Artillery.

Prince Arsene Karagorévitch, who has just been appointed to the command of the Balkan Cossacks for service in the Far East, is the only brother of King Peter of Servia. Both brothers commenced their military career in the French service. Prince Arsene did not take a very prominent part in the Franco-German war, but he fought with De Negrier in Tong-King, and afterwards resigned his French commission to become an officer in the Russian Guards.

THE LATE MR. TONG KID-SON.

The funeral services of the late Mr. Tong Kid-son, expectant Taotai, etc., were conducted at his late residence on Markham Road, Shanghai, on the 25th ult., at which were present Their Excellencies Sheng Kung-po, Wu Chun-yeh, Vice-President of one of the Six Boards at Peking and Vice-Director-General of the Chinese Government Telegraphs, and Yang Shih-chi, Co. Co-Director of the Chinese Telegraph Administration, and Advisory Secretary of the Waiwu Pu; Twotai Yuan (Shanghai Taotai) Chu Pao-fay (Co-Director Chinese Telegraph Administration), Chu Yu-chueh (Vice-Director-General of China Merchant Co.), and over a dozen others of Taotai rank, while of local mandarins of lower rank and principal Chinese merchants of this port there were quite a hundred and fifty present.

The funeral procession started from Markham Road residence on the 26th ult., promptly at the hour advertised, namely, one o'clock. Besides the funeral paraphernalia usual for a person of the deceased's official status and social standing, there were in the line some two hundred scholars of the Canton Guild School, inaugurated by him last year, over a hundred "braves" from the Shanghai city garrison, and eighty or more cravins containing the friends, relatives, and old schoolmates returned American students of the deceased. A number of foreign friends came to the Markham Road residence to offer their condolences to the bereaved family, but probably owing to the disagreeable weather prevailing during the afternoon, only a few accompanied the remains to the Canton Cemetery, on the Sizze Road. The carriage of the deceased gentleman was covered with floral decorations and there was also an unusually large number of wreaths, the gifts of foreign friends. The late Mr. Tong Kid-son left two sons (the eldest, a boy of fifteen, is now studying in England) and three daughters, the youngest a child of only four of five years of age.—*N. C. D. New*.

SHIPPING AND MAILS.

MAILS DUE.

American (*Doris*) 5th inst.
Canadian (*Albatross*) 7th inst.
Canadian (*Empress of India*) 15th inst.
American (*Storke*) 17th inst.
Canadian (*Tartar*) 21st inst.
The C. N. Co.'s *Ching Hai* left Kaituma on 2nd inst., p.m., for Hongkong and Australian Ports.

